

# You Asked for It? – Can I Trust the Bible?

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Sermon Discussion Guide for the week of April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Primary Scriptures: **Matthew 7: 24-27**

## Relationships

*As you begin the study portion of your gathering ask a few of these questions to help your group focus their attention.*

Who are some of your favorite authors? Why do you like their writing?

Describe a time when you were cooking something and realized you were missing an ingredient, what did you do? What was the end result?

What is the tallest building you have ever been in? Did you go to the top floor and look out? What was that experience like?

## Scripture

How does our church treat scripture?

How were you raised to treat it? Were you encouraged to read, study, pray, or ignore scripture?

Sometimes scripture is described as God's story, is there an authoritative story in your life apart from scripture? Do you live your life according to a narrative that guides your actions?

## Have a volunteer read Matthew 7: 24-27

What do the wise and foolish builders have in common?

How does this verse make you feel about your faith?

This verse talks about wise and foolish builders, is there another type of person not described in the parable?

How would you describe having faith in the middle of the storms of life to someone else?

Why do you think the foolish builder builds his house on the sand?

What are some sandy foundations that people build their lives on?

How can we help others see that their foundation is sandy?

What “storm” have you experienced in life that you can share with your group; how did you endure it, and what was the end result?

### **Mission**

Why is understating the truth and authority of scripture so important?

For followers of Jesus, scripture isn’t just true, it has authority over our lives. How does North American culture try to convince us that we have no outside authority?

How do we think and act as if we are our own judges?

### **Development**

If you could identify one area of “shifting sand” in your life, what would it be?

What are some things that distract us from digging deeper and founding our lives upon bedrock?

What are some steps you can take over the next few weeks to move to examine the foundation of your life?

### **Pray**